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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 217, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to prisoner re-entry services.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 217, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 217.738, to read as follows:

217.738. 1. There is hereby established, within the department of corrections, a prisoner re-entry program to serve those male and female prisoners who have served their full sentences without early release and are locating upon release to a city not within a county.

2. Moneys for such program shall be appropriated to the department of corrections, which shall transfer the funds from its budget to the city of St. Louis's Department of Health and Human Services, which shall administer the fund. The city shall be responsible for the issuance of a request for proposals for re-entry services to organizations with demonstrated experience in providing re-entry services, including facilitating connections to providers of housing and employment services and physical health, mental health, substance abuse, and other social services. The city and the selected contractor shall be jointly responsible to the department of corrections for ensuring that such services are provided, and they shall provide to the department all data and records necessary to oversee and measure the effectiveness of the program.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 **3. The director of the department of corrections is authorized to promulgate rules**
16 **and regulations and to enter into such contracts as are necessary and proper for the**
17 **implementation of the program.**

18 **4. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is**
19 **created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**
20 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**
21 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers**
22 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective**
23 **date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the**
24 **grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2013,**
25 **shall be invalid and void.**

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